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'Spirit and Nature' addresses world environmental crisis

Symposium to focus on global environmental consciousness

By Marika Holmgren

On September 13, international religious and spiritual leaders will gather at Middlebury College for a symposium entitled "Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics and Environmental Crisis." Among the guests that will be on campus this weekend is His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal leader of the people of Tibet.

The speakers in attendance will focus on the ongoing environmental crisis and the "spiritual response to humanity's responsible care and treatment of the planet."

The symposium also will mark the Dalai Lama's second visit to Middlebury College. In 1984, the Dalai Lama attended a conference sponsored by the Middlebury College Religion Department entitled "Christ and the Bodhisattva."

Professor of Religion Steven Rockefeller is the principal organizer of the symposium, but some 30 other faculty members have assisted in the planning of the event. According to Rockefeller, the Spirit and Nature symposium will provide the Dalai Lama with an arena to address the critical issues surrounding the environmental crisis, a topic which he has addressed on a number of occasions.

"He was here in 1984 and he had a very good experience and thoroughly enjoyed the conference we had here and the exchange with the students," Rockefeller said. "His Holiness is deeply concerned about the environmental crisis, and he has been anxious to have platforms from which he can make statements about the environmental crisis."

According to Rockefeller, the Dalai Lama, whose home is in Dharamsala, India, has spoken at several recent international conferences and has met with Pope John Paul II on a regular basis over the past five years. His meetings with the Pope during the last two years have included talks on environmental ethics and the world's environmental problems. In

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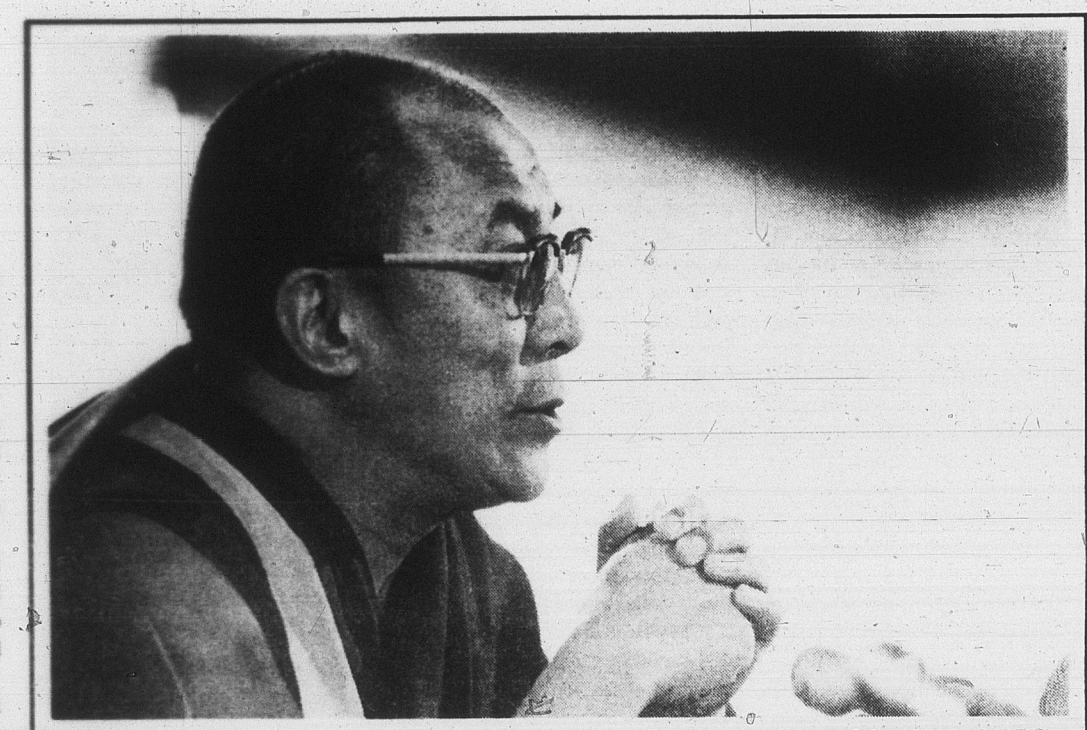

His Holiness the Dalai Lama, spiritual leader of the people of Tibet and recipient of the 1989 Nobel Prize for Peace, will visit Middlebury this week for the second time in six years. *Photo by Eric Borg*

Dalai Lama heads symposium guest list

Spiritual and political leader strives for equality, rights

By Kara Hordlow

Nobel Peace Prize Winners, world religious leaders, and rulers of distant lands are not frequent visitors to Middlebury, Vermont. But for the second time in a decade, Middlebury College will welcome His Holiness the fourteenth Dalai Lama of Tibet to campus.

The leader of more than four million Mahayana Buddhists, the temporal ruler of Tibet, and recipient of the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1989, His Holiness will be be one of a number of religious leaders participating in this weekend's conference entitled "Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics and Environmental Crisis," sponsored by Middlebury College.

Dalai Lama: literally translated from both its Mongolian and Tibetan roots, the title means, essentially, "ocean of wisdom." Yet as the present title-holder explains in his most recent autobiography, "Dalai Lama means different things to different people. To some it means that I am a living Buddha, the earthly manifestation of Avalokiteshvara, Bodhisattva of Compassion. To others it means that I am a 'god-king.' During the late 1950s it meant that I was Vice-President of the Steering Committee of the People's Republic of China. Then, when I escaped into exile, I was called a counterrevolutionary and a parasite. But none of these are my ideas. To me 'Dalai Lama' is a title that signifies the office I hold. I myself am just a human being, and incidentally a Tibetan, who chooses to be a Buddhist monk."

Religious Status

The Dalai Lama is the religious leader of all Tibetan Buddhists. According to Mahayana Buddhist tradition, certain beings can choose their manner of rebirth, or their next incarnation. The present Dalai Lama is considered to be the reincarnation of each of the previous thirteen Dalai Lamas, who in turn are considered to be reincarnations of Avalokiteshvara, or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion.

Although Tibetan Buddhism recognizes literally hundreds of high

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Speaker to unveil global strategy for sustainable development

By Adlai Hardin

During the last two hundred years, the human population has grown eight-fold, and the earth has lost six million square kilometers of forest. The amount of methane in the atmosphere has more than doubled, and the level of carbon dioxide has increased by 27%. An estimated 5-15% of the world's species will likely become extinct by the year 2020. In 1988, 950 million people (19% of the world's population) were malnourished.

These findings appear in a document entitled "Caring for the World: A Strategy for Sustainability," prepared by the World Conservation Union, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Wide Fund for Nature.

As part of the Spirit and Nature Conference beginning tomorrow at Middlebury College, Robert Prescott-Allen, one of the authors of this document, will address college students and faculty on Friday morning at 10:15 a.m. in Mead Chapel.

Prescott-Allen's address will serve as the introduction to four discussion groups open to all college faculty and students. The discussions will be led by college faculty members. A number of speakers at the conference including the Dalai Lama will participate in these discussions.

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Committee to recommend future college policy toward Greeks

By Andrew Levinson

The Committee for the Development of a New House System will make a recommendation to the Community Council next week regarding the future of fraternities at Middlebury College, according to Dean of Students Karl Lindhom.

The Middlebury chapters of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Upsilon, and Chi Psi were unsuccessful in persuading their national fraternities to allow women as full members. Representatives from each chapter recently attended annual summer meetings of their respective national organizations.

The Committee for the Development of a New House System was formed by the Community Council in response to the college Board of Trustees decision this past January that all social organizations on campus offer full co-ed membership by December 31 and co-ed residences the following year. The Trustees ordered Middlebury chapters to disassociate from any national fraternity which does not allow equal membership for women by the end of 1990.

The committee of three students and 3 faculty members will recommend that the Community Council adopt one of two policies. The first is modelled on the policy at Amherst College, which Lindholm sums up as "what you do on your own time is all right but don't hold any activities on campus."

The committee also examined policies at Williams and Colby, where fraternities are not permitted even off campus, and any students found participating in fraternity-oriented activities are subject to disciplinary action, Lindholm said.

Sigma Epsilon and Kappa Delta Ro have disassociated from their national organizations and have accepted women as full members. Zeta Psi President Amar Ranawat declined to comment for The Campus, but he told the Community Council last spring that the chapter would be "dissolved."

"The talking is all over," said Director of Residential Life Frank Kelley. "They (the fraternities) said last spring they would comply but now we are into the time of actual doing....what it comes down to is that the descendants of the fraternities are in a period of transformation and this transformation must be completed by December 31."

The Residential Life Committee, Kelley stated, is examining not just the restructuring of the house system but also other ways "to further empower students to get them more involved on campus and to [realize] that social life does not mean only 'party.' "

Officials from the fraternities who have not finalized agreements with their national organizations say they are examining their options.

"One of two things can happen,"

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Gulf crisis prompts conservation efforts

By Adlai Hardin

With the end of the crisis in the Persian Gulf nowhere in sight, communities throughout New England can expect to be paying markedly higher fuel bills this winter. Middlebury College officials are bracing for the hike in energy costs by planning a large scale public awareness campaign aimed at reducing consumption.

The price of Number 6 crude, the grade of oil the college uses to generate heat and hot water, has jumped from 36.9 cents a gallon to 53.7 cents a gallon since Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 1. That's an increase of almost 46 percent.

But the college will not feel the pinch of the gulf crisis as sharply as individual homeowners who burn more refined heating oil.

"So far, what's been happening since the Middle East crisis began is that they've been hitting gasoline and home heating fuel oils, which are Number Two fuel oils," explained Director of Physical Plant Jon Woodbury.

"Number 6 is like the stuff that was spilled in Alaska - the thick molasses stuff. It's not the gasoline that most people have seen which is lighter than water."

Energy costs for the college during the 1988-89 academic year including electricity totalled over a million dollars - a record high.

Total college energy usage has been climbing steadily for seven straight years. The addition of new college facilities accounts for some of the increase, but not all of it.

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NEWS

Student center scheduled to open for limited activities

By Brianna Becker

The main social space of the new Student Center in McCullough Gymnasium will be opened for limited use beginning September 17, following an extensive renovation that began in mid-April. While construction continues in other parts of the building, the social space will be available for a variety of events.

In addition to the social space, the Student Center will include a renovated pool area and new locker rooms which will be available for use in early October. There will also be a new mail room and two towers, which will eventually house a snack bar and the Student Activities offices. The Center will be completed in May, after commencement, when the existing facilities will be moved to the new site.

Vice President for the Administration and Treasurer David Ginevan claims that the construction in both the Student Center and the Fine Arts Center, which is expected to be open a year from now, has proceeded as planned during the summer.

Improvements to the space in McCullough include the addition of a mezzanine level above the existing floor space, as well as an extension to the stage. Indirect lighting and new beams have been added in the ceiling to promote an atmosphere conducive to social activities.

Director of Operations George Whitney hopes that students realize that while events are planned in the new space, "because the building is not yet totally complete, there may still be work that happens sporadically in that space...it will not be open twenty-four hours a day."

Although many activities have been generated by students and members of the Middlebury College Activities Board (MCAB) over the summer, Director of Student Activities Cathy Walsh insisted "I'd like people to know that [the social space] is going to be accessible in the evenings for big events and parties, as students schedule them.

Lindholm expressed enthusiasm for what he claims "looks like a space with a lot of potential for different kinds of activities...the key is that it will allow us to do certain things we haven't been able to do so far. In this sense, it is very relevant to the issues of fraternities and the discussions on residential and social life."

"It is most important to say that it is student space," Walsh stressed. "We are going to look to students to see how to program...to govern...to identify the space and other spaces on campus. Hopefully, it will provide one of a variety of outlets for a lot of people on campus."

Walsh emphasized that this is an interim year of planning, and that there will be some difficulties, such as limited access to the space as construction continues. However, she promises, "we are not going to program things during the day and every night, but we would like to make the space available to as many people as possible, in large groups."

"There will be plenty of opportunities for students to have a voice. We won't be looking to the MCAB solely to make use of the space. We want other groups to be represented, too," Walsh added.

"My hope is that we can eventually have a space in the center of campus where we can have things going on - not just on Friday and Saturday nights, but also during the week, such as more modest entertainment that might serve as study breaks when people are at the library, for example," Lindholm agreed.

MCAB President Julie Power '91 is optimistic that "McCullough will become a critical space on campus this year. It will be the best social space open to us besides Pepin Gym while Cook is closed this year for renovation." The MCAB has planned a variety of events to initiate the social space, among which are the Student Activities Fair, which will be held on Monday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. and "Murph the Physical Comedian," a feature of the Stitches Comedy Club, who will appear at 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 20.

"Although it is not technically the grand opening of the student center itself," Powers said MCAB has planned a semi-formal Casino Night for the Grand Opening of the social space on Saturday, September 22. "I think it will be a really nice way to kick it off. This is the first way that most people are going to see the space, so we want it to be very special."

Weeks awarded Fulbright scholarship

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars announced this past summer that Economics Professor John F. Weeks has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant for 1990-91. Professor Weeks's grant is for research at the Universidad Centroamericana in Managua, Nicaragua under the Central American Republics research Program, from July 1990 to March 1991.

Approximately 1,000 Americans will go abroad to lecture or conduct research during the 1990-91 academic year. Established in 1946 under Congressional legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the program is designed "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries." Grants are awarded on the basis of academic and professional qualifications, plus their ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with people of diverse cultures. More than 25,000 American scholars have participated in the Fulbright Program since it began over 40 years ago, many of them rising to positions of leadership in government, academia, the media and the arts.

The Fulbright Program is funded and administered by the United States Information Agency. Funding is also provided by participating governments and cost sharing by host institutions in the U.S. and many countries. The presidentially-appointed Board of Foreign Scholars is responsible for providing policy guidance for the program and making the final selection of all grantees.

Mr. Weeks plans to return to Middlebury as a full time professor in September, 1991.

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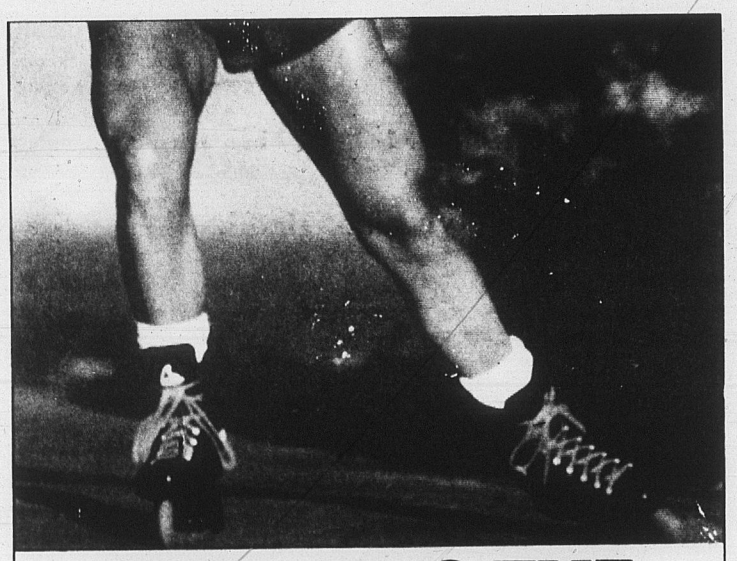

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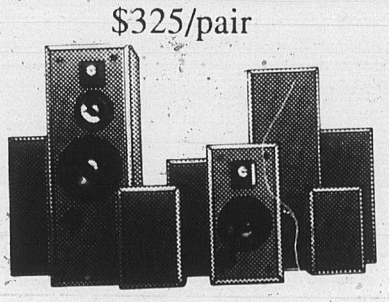

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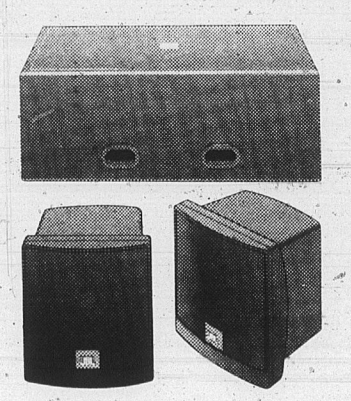

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President Light to seek community input and feedback

Last week, The Campus had the opportunity to interview Middlebury College's new president, Dr. Timothy Light. This is the first of a two-part interview.

The Campus: What are your principle goals for Middlebury College?

President Light: My main goal is to learn about the place. Middlebury is one of the finest colleges in the country. One thing a new comer could really do if he came in with lots of fancy plans would be to mess things up. I have ideas about where I think American higher education ought to be going, but first I want to spend a year learning.

Now how am I going to do that? [I will] spend as much time all over the campus, Proctor, SDUs, and any other places where it is possible to sit and talk with students. I started that the other day in Proctor. Also I'll be meeting with each faculty department to give me a chance to see what the departments are about. Mostly I am going to be learning, listening and looking.

In addition to that we are going to undertake two fairly heavy exercises that are going to be based on the invovement of the trustees, the faculty and the administrative leadership. The first of these is in October, when we're asking the trustees to spend an extra twenty four hours on campus, so that we can go through all the resources Middlebury has— its material resources, all of the funds that we have. [We will] look back at the past twenty years, and look ahead at what will be projected out for the next ten years.

And then for the next half of the year we're going to be working on helping ourselves to understand and helping the trustees to understand what the national issues are that are currently important in higher education, and what they are going to be over the next decade—this decade that has just started. That will culminate in a special meeting in March with the trustees who will spend another extra twenty four hours going over the national issues.

After that—and now we're talking about April, 1991—a planning committee will be appointed to work at the college for the rest of the decade and get ready for the next century... If you look at the history of Middlebury, at the last hundred years or so, Middlebury has been unique in understanding way ahead of everybody else what the future is going to be. For example, if you were looking [at higher education] in 1900 and said to yourself, "What is this country going to need for undergraduate education in the year 2000?" Well, there will be two really critical things in the curriculum; one will be excellent sciences, and the other will be a knowledge of the world, including foreign languages. Who would of thought in 1915 that you would need to have a strong foreign language school here in the summer—and that's when it was started. And Middlebury is one of the country's science colleges.

The Campus: There is some criticism on campus that the science facilities are lacking, particularly the science library.

President Light: I'm not acquainted enough with the science facilities that are here, so I toured it. In fact late last spring, I took my tour of the science facilities all by myself, deliberately, so I could see it.

I just finished raising the money for a brand new chemistry and biology building at Kalamazoo College. I was very active in planning that facility. But I'm not going to say anything about it yet. I will say this, however, what I said about Middlebury's quality in the sciences is just plain fact. It is very good.

The Campus: A recent article in the New York Times suggested that there was an increasing feeling in the academic community that the needs of undergraduates are being ignored by professors under pressure to publish. Because the focus for the faculty is teaching, the question may not be as relevant for us as it would be for a big university. But professors here do face heavy demands on their time from these competing activities. How can professors be assured enough time to pursue their research without sacrificing classroom preparation?

President Light: That's a very complex question. Let me talk generally first of all. I have a fairly extensive personal commitment to publishing research. I don't think there's been a year since I got my Phd that I haven't published at least something—at least a book review. I personally find scholarship a passion—it's a passion that I'm proud of and will continue.

Now, I also believe very much in the role of the teacher, and for me research is directly tied to my teaching....I've always taught undergraduate courses. And the places that I worked in, and this includes Ohio State, always put great emphasis on undergraduate teaching.

Let me now go over more about undergraduate teaching. I think that undergraduate education in many places has been neglected. I don't think that's true for small liberal arts colleges. I think the goals, the quality, the attention have been kept in these places in a way that is not true in any other sector of our American higher education. That is part of the reason why I am saying that Middlebury really is a college of the future. It is one of the fine ones in higher education that has thought of the future so well. It has kept the faith here. Again, I'm not commenting on Middlebury except to say that what I know of it, right now, is that it is superb.

At a few places, principally Harvard, faculty who carry a title "professor" are evaluated on their research. But to make up for that, Harvard hires a huge number of people with titles like 'professor of the practice of', 'lecturer', 'lector', 'preceptor'...who do the teaching and are devoted principally to undergraduate teaching. If they didn't do that they couldn't make it work. From the outside we look at what Harvard does and that becomes the model for everybody and it seems to be only research and that's why we see this dichotomy. You understand now how Harvard actually works, or Stanford or many other places. What you'll discover is a very large number of people devoted to undergraduate teaching.

If that's true in the big research universities, then in the undergraduate college, where our principle goal is the teaching of undergraduates, then it should be even more so that those of us who carry the title of professor are in the midst of teaching undergraduates at all times; that's what we're here for. This misunderstanding of the research university is something that I find fairly constant in the people that I talk to.

The Campus: You said that you have always taught undergraduate courses at the institutions you been at, will you continue that tradition here at Middlebury?

President Light: Yes, I will. I want to give a real thanks to the department of Teacher Education which is letting me teach TE 305 (this fall), the official title of which is "Contemporary Issues in American Higher Education."

The Campus: That sounds right up your alley.

President Light: It is; it's really exciting. It will be taught as a seminar so we're all going to be there to learn. It gives me a chance to learn from the Middlebury students who will do the reading and will reflect on their Middlebury experience, on the basis of the reading, or reflect on the reading on the basis of their Middlebury experience. It gives us all a chance to be reading things that we each should be reading anyway. I'm very excited about it.

The Campus: What do you see as your role in the student organizations on campus?

President Light: Simply because of time commitments, I can't imagine myself being an advisor to, or a regular member of any of the organizations.

But that's with one exception, and that is the student-body elected group—the Student Government Association. [SGA President] Tom Kovach and I have talked about trying to make sure that we do see each other on a fairly regular basis. It may not be completely as frequent as we would like, but nevertheless on a fairly regular basis.

The Campus: How often might that be?

President Light: I would say no less often than once a month, and I would hope more frequently than that. I'm hedging on that because I don't know all the things I have to do.

There is one big difference between here and Kalamazoo. At Kalamazoo, most of our trustees and all of our executive committees are located in the city of Kalamazoo. Here most of our trustees and most of the (committees) are located away. That means a real need to travel to see them, because they need to be kept up to date—that is a very important part of a president's job.

At Kalamazoo, the provost, the dean of students and the president met with the student commission—their president and vice president—once a week. Not with the whole student government—that tends to pollute their meetings, among other things. They've got their own business that they want to do.

Dining halls implement automated ID system

By Hillary Miller

In response to rising food costs, an automated student identification system was implemented in Middlebury College dining halls over the summer. The new system has been received with both praise and criticism by students.

"A system that respects people and is cost conscious at the same time is OK with me," according to Director of Residential Life Frank Kelley. With increases in tuition and costs for materials such as heating oil, Middlebury recognized the necessity for a means of controlling and further reducing food costs, Kelley said.

The program, operated on a personal computer, was developed entirely by Middlebury staff for the school's own computer network. According to Kelley, while other premade programs using separate computers cost an average of $60,000, Middlebury spent only $15,000 on the system.

The computer program processes a student access number and immediately determines if a student is on the meal plan. If a user is not on the meal plan, the system charges the meal to the student, and the charge appears on the student's phone bill. The system is also designed to charge students for meals eaten by guests.

The food service will send a letter out on Friday to all non-boarding students informing them of the cumulative costs that they can expect on their phone bill.

Director of Dining Services Ted Mayer, principle designer of the system, predicts a savings of $25,000 with the new computerized system. While Mayer "wants guests to feel welcome and for non-board paying students to eat with the other students, we don't want to get ripped off."

Mayer expressed enthusiasm for the fact that the computer aids the

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Global strategy

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for Sustainability" will serve as a starting point for the discussions, according to Religion Professor Steven Rockefeller, the principle organizer of the Spirit and Nature Conference. The document is still only in draft form, and contributions and criticism from discussion participants will be welcome. The draft will be presented at the 18th General Assembly of the World Conservation Union in November in Australia, and copies of the report will then be distributed all over the world, Rockefeller said.

While the principle focus of the conference centers on ethical and religious issues relating to the environment, Prescott-Allen's speech and the discussions that follow it will directly address the political, technical and socioeconomic elements of the environmental crisis.

"This brings Middlebury right onto the front line a major international discussion," Rockefeller said.

In 1987, the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development published a report entitled "Our Common Future," which Rockefeller describes as "the basic document in international debate about how to deal with the global environmental crisis."

"In a lot of ways, this document is a sequal to 'Our Common Future'" Rockefeller said. "This document gives an approach for dealing with this problem on a global basis, and in that sense creates an international framework for everybody in the Spirit and Nature Conference for dealing with this issue. The document puts the ethical issues [of the environmental crisis] in the context of a larger political, economic, social international discussion."

The strategy outlined in "Caring for the World" is based on a concept called "sustainable development." It defines sustainable development as "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

According to the authors, the main obstacles to sustainable development are lack of an ethical approach to development and the general belief that "conservation" and "development" are separate and often conflicting ideas.

"The quest to better the human condition through development—economic, social and personal—is fundamental," say the authors. "But current development practices have brought affluence to a mere fifth of the world at the cost of huge damage to the processes by which earth supports life. Unsustainable development is like an asteroid on a collision course with the earth."

"My hope is that faculty members will take this into the classroom after the conference," Rockefeller said.

Copies of "Caring for the World" will be available to students and faculty at the Reserve Desk in Starr Library. Faculty members who wish to order copies of the document should call the Spirt and Nature Information line (college extension 5043).

Dalai Lama

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incarnations, called lamas, the Dalai Lama is unique in that he is both a religious and political leader. This tradition was begun in the sixteenth century after a Mongol leader bestowed political power (and the name 'Dalai Lama') upon the Third Dalai Lama, who was previously only a religious ruler. The title, then, was applied retoactively to the Third Dalai Lama's prior two incarnations.

The incarnations, who are born into otherwise "ordinary" families, are located by search parties, made up of high lamas and oracles, which are formed after a given incarnation dies. The present Dalai Lama was discovered at the age of four and was subjected to many secret "tests" before he was officially declared to be the true incarnation of the Thirteenth Dalai Lama.

Among Tibetan Buddhists, the Dalai Lama is held to be the Holy One—an enlightened presence who has chosen to be reborn into this world as a result of his great compassion for all sentient beings.

The Dalai Lama, however, underwent the traditional Tibetan monastic system of education, and ultimately received his doctorate in metaphysics. Today, functioning in the capacity of a monk, he gives frequent teachings of the *dharma* to Tibetan Buddhists all over the world.

Politics in Exile

Over four decades ago, in 1949, Chinese military forces marched into Tibet and began an occupation that has lasted ever since. In 1959, the Dalai Lama sought exile in India, where he was followed by 100,000 Tibetan refugees. He escaped with his life, and perhaps a better chance to publicize the Tibetan situation to the international community. Yet in this time, despite ongoing discussion and attempts at reconciliation by the Tibetans, the status of Tibet has only worsened.

In 1950, there were approximately six million Tibetans living in Tibet. In the past forty years of the Chinese occupation, an estimated 1.2 million have died as a direct result of this presence—either by torture, starvation, or outright violence. Over six thousand Tibetan monasteries, temples, and sacred religious sites have been looted and razed, and priceless religious scriptures destroyed by Chinese forces in an active campaign to eradicate Tibetan culture and religion—actions which the United Nations and Amnesty International have condemed as genocide.

The Dalai Lama, a four-hundred year old tradition and symbol to the Tibetan people, is now more than ever, the only hope for the preservation of their culture.

From his residence and government-in-exile, in Dharamsala, India, the Dalai Lama works for the freedom of the ten thousand Tibetan political prisioners now held incommunicado by the Chinese government. He regularly calls for the seven million Chinese living in Tibet—who outnumber the Tibetans themselves—to move out. He has also made repeated calls for the Chinese armed forces to leave Tibet. There is currently one Chinese soldier for every ten Tibetans in the Asian nation.

A Spokesperson to the World

Today the Dalai Lama travels the world in a conscious effort to spread his message of peace and non-violence to peoples everywhere. He believes in the importance of education and cross-cultural communication in order to make this goal a reality. As the Dalai Lama continually asserts:

"We are living today in a very interdependent world. One nation's problems can no longer be solved by itself. Without a sense of universal responsibility, our very survival is in danger.

"Basically, universal responsibility is a feeling for other people's suffering just as we feel for our own. I have, therefore, always believed in the need for better understanding, closer cooperation and greater respect among the various nations of the world. Besides, I feel that love and compassion are the moral fabric of world peace."

The Dalai Lama's message is simple, honest, and quite direct. The years of trial and experience that are his life, both as a religious and political leader, have taught the Dalai Lama many lessons.

In his humble manner and soft-spoken tone, he is the first to insist that we all have something to offer and learn from each other: there is no single, final, "correct" path, be it a religious or political philosophy.

Kara Hordlow '90, a joint major in Religion and Sociology/Anthropology, wrote an honors thesis entitled "Traditional Progress: An Examination of the Institution of the Dalai Lama and Tibet's Changing Religio-Political Structures."

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ARTS

Exhibit celebrates Spirit and Nature

This watercolor by Louis Agassiz Fuertes is on display in Johnson through November 4.

By Lisa Horwitz

Spirit and Nature: Visions of Interdependence, an art exhibit which reflects the artistic responses of various cultures to the beauty and wonder of our physical environment, will be on display at Johnson Memorial Gallery from September 9 to November 4. The exhibition opens in conjunction with a major symposium, led by representatives of major religious and cultural traditions, examining "Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics and Environmental Crisis," which takes place at Middlebury September 13-16.

The artists range from such famous names as Ansel Adams and Georgia O'Keefe to a nine-year-old Soviet schoolgirl. There is a variety of time periods and media represented; however, all of the works relate to the theme of the interdependence of human, plant, and animal life on earth as well as the inevitability of the human imagination to discover spiritual significance in this interdependence. Many of the works are accompanied by quotations from such sources as the Bible, the Koran, William Wordsworth, and Albert Schweitzer which help tie the exhibit together.

This spiritually-charged vision of the natural world is the result of the collaboration of guest curators Steven C. Rockefeller, professor of religion, and John C. Elder, professor of English, at Middlebury. To realize their conception they have borrowed works of art from artists, private collectors and many public museums. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Yale University Art Gallery, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology are just a few of the lenders to this show, and the rarity and exceptionally high aesthetic quality of the artifacts on view contribute to the sense of exaltation they invoke.

George Nakashima's *Arlyn Table*, a magnificent structure made from the root of a single redwood tree, is both literally and symbolically the centerpiece of this exhibition. An alternative but no less dramatic use of a tree is Frans Krajcberg's *Imagem de Minha Revolta* (Image of my Indignation). In this work, the artist uses the charred stumps of twenty trees, souvenirs of the destruction of the Brazilian rain forest. The tree motif is used again in an Iranian *Bakshaish* and a *Galician Torah Mantle* which are nineteenth century textiles of the Tree of Life. A Benin *Rattle Staff* with a man surmounting a beast at its crown, and a Tibetan Thang-Ka depicting *Vajrabhairava*, a lightning-bearing Guardian Deity, are additional works in which incarnations of spiritual power are given figurative form.

A cibachrome print of *Planet Earth* taken by the Apollo 17 Spacecraft in 1972 may be the most familiar image on view. Harold Edgerton's 1952 instantaneous photograph of an atomic bomb explosion may also be recognizable to many.

Dancers warm up for semester in workshop

By Carl Forsman

In the week before classes began, the Middlebury Dance Department sponsored a sort of "spring training" for the college's dance program and some community guests. Guest artists David Beadle and Cathie Carraker spent five days leading workshops in body-mind centering and contact improvisation.

Beadle and Carraker both studied at the School for Body-Mind Centering in Amherst, Massachusets under the tutelage of teacher Bonnie Bainbridge Cohen. Carraker had previously been interested primarily in contact improvisation, studying at the School for New Dance in Amsterdam, while Beadle had received a dance degree from Manhattanville College in New York. Carraker notes that the two instructors are at interesting points in their personal development. "David started out doing a lot of set [choreographed] work and is now moving toward more improvisational work, while I started with contact improvisation and am now interested in how our work in body-mind centering can be applied to choreographed work."

Every morning the instructors led a two-and-a-half hour workshop in body-mind centering, a study of "developmental" movement—from pre-birth movement in the womb through the birthing process, onto later stages such as crawling and walking. In the afternoon, another two and a half hour workshop focused on contact improvisation. Carraker noted that the work done in the morning and in the afternoon were "closely related. In the morning people had time to explore where their movement came from, experience development. In the afternoon the contact work had a foundation in people's natural movement." In contact, partners are constantly supporting one another's full weight, a process which requires understanding of the strongest positions to hold the burden of a partner. Although the dance form is not always extremely graceful and results in some bumps and bruises (especially when it is new to some of the participants), it achieves moments of exciting and unexpected integrity.

The people taking the workshop ran the gamut, from experienced and novice Middlebury dancers to community friends of the department to alumni dance students. Many of the participants noted that they enjoyed working with the two guest artists, and believed that their methods were right in step with the approach of the Middlebury faculty. Sophomore Anne Moore described the contact improvisational work: "It's like wrestling with your brother, but better." Veteran dancer Katherine LaSota said, "The BMC [body-mind centering] work is work that can be done over and over; it goes to a different level every time. It was a great way to start the year."

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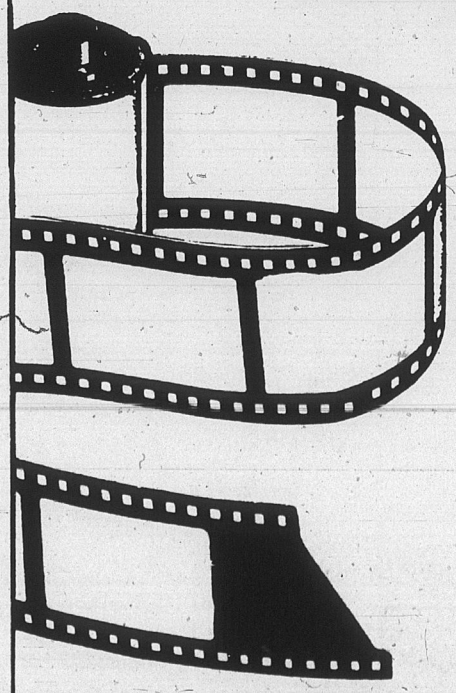

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Paul Winter provides environmentally inspired music

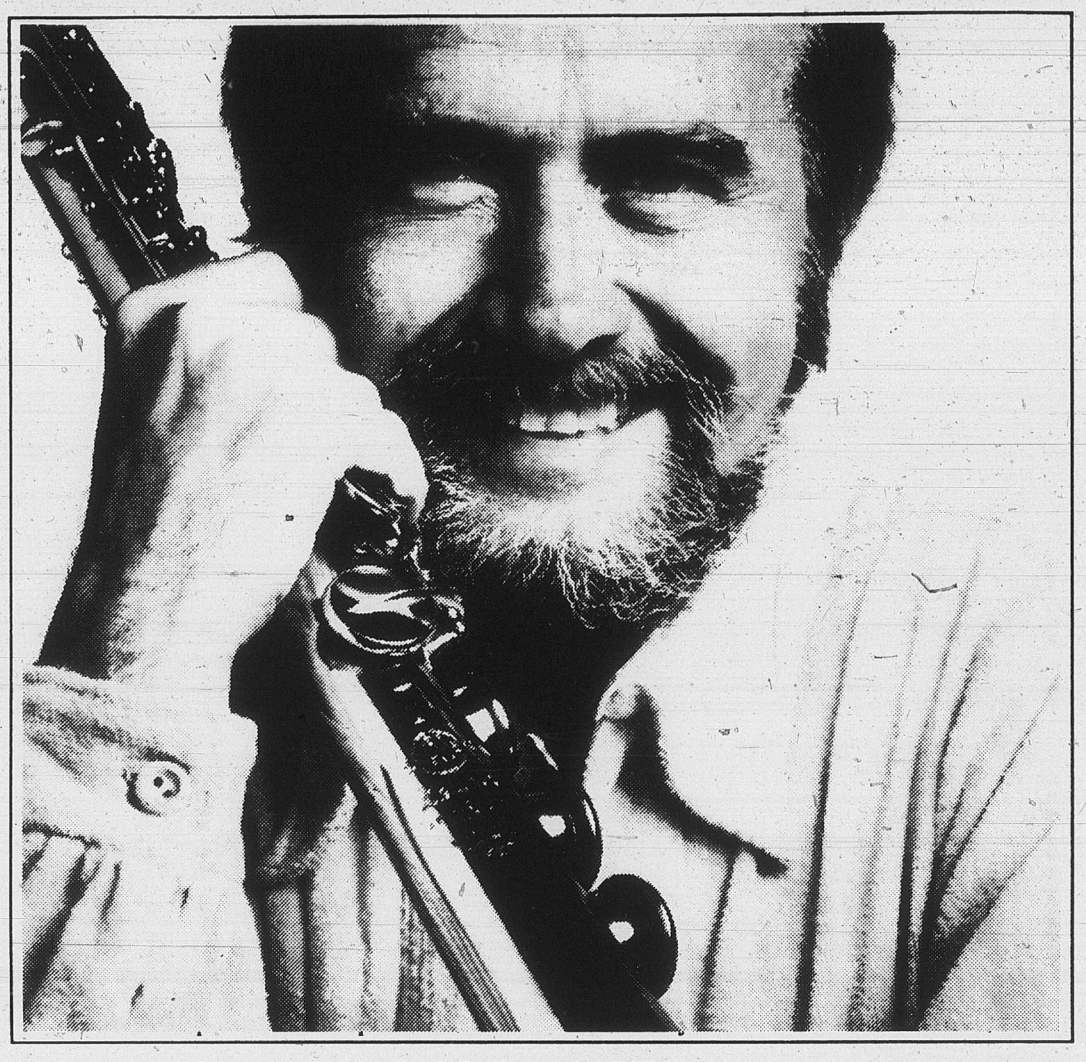
By Almee Young

What do you get when you combine jazz, classical symphony, African and Brazilian music, and sounds from the environment? Come find out when the Paul Winter Consort performs here at Middlebury on Friday, September 14.

The event will take place in conjunction with the conference on spirit and nature to be held September 13-16, as his music draws a parallel between humans and the environment. Travelling all over the world to record his environmentally inspired pieces, Winter has incorporated such sounds as the howl of a wolf, the song of a whale, and the cry of an African fish eagle into his songs. He trekked to Newfoundland, British Columbia, El Salvador, and Scotland's Inner Hebrides, playing his saxophone to various species of sea mammals and recording their responses on his album "Callings".

Born in 1939, Paul Theodore Winter began playing drums at the age of five, the piano at six, and the clarinet at seven. By the time he was twelve, he had chosen the saxophone as his prime instrument and had organized his first band. He also played in the local symphony and, at seventeen, made his first professional tour. In 1961, after studying at Northwestern, he formed the Paul Winter Sextet with college students from the Chicago area. The group recorded an album and toured Latin America under the sponsorship of the State Department. It was the first student jazz group sent abroad under the cultural exchange program. In 1967 after the group disbanded, Winter formed the Paul Winter Consort, working out of West Redding, Connecticut.

He released his first album, "Common Ground" in 1977, and later came out with "Whales Alive", which actually derived its melodies from those "composed" by the whales themselves. In 1980 Winter was named artist in residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. Invited by its dean, Reverend James Parks Morton, to write an ecumenical mass for life on earth, the consort produced "Missa Gaia/ Earth Mass", recording partly at the cathedral and partly at the Grand Canyon. The mass included such sounds as the song of a canyon wren, the rush of river waters, and the beating of a ceremonial drum.



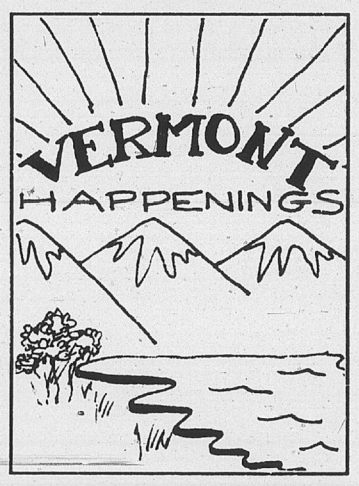
Paul Winter is currently working on a series of albums called "A Song of Russia", begun in 1984 with a trip to wilderness areas of the Soviet Union. The collection will take seven to ten years and many trips to the USSR before it is completed.

The other members of the Consort who will appear with Winter in this performance are Paul Halley, Eugene Friesen, Glen Velez, Ted Moore, and Rhonda Larson.

Tickets for the performance, which will be held in Nelson Arena at 8 p.m., are $10/$8 student, and are available at Chassman & Bem Booksellers in Burlington, the Middlebury Inn, and Ben & Jerry's in Rutland. The concert is funded in part by a grant from the New England Foundation for the Arts, with additional support form New England Telephone, the Vermont Council on the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

With the challenge that the environmental crisis now poses to the moral and religious life of contemporary civilization, Paul Winter's music sends a needed message of harmony between man and nature.

This promises to be not only an enjoyable evening, but also a relevant and timely concert which you don't want to miss.



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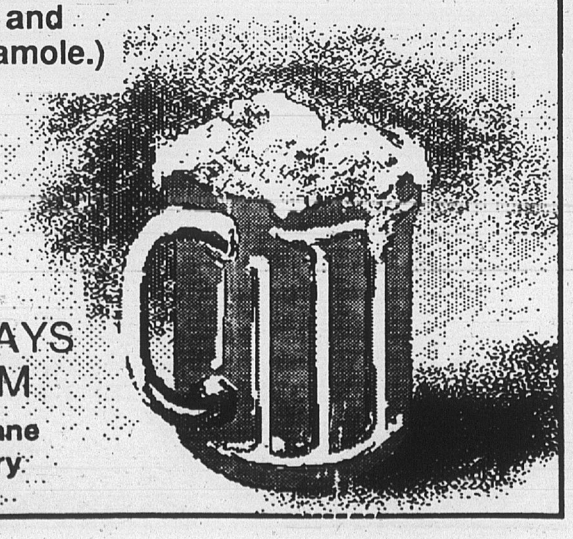

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SPORTS

Football team plays in their annual Blue/White game

By Bill Fuhs and Mike Bolger

Panther football kicked off the 1990 season, on Sunday, with their annual blue-white scrimmage. Despite the absence of key players, such as Hunt Roeder '91, Dave Donahue '91, and Kevin McCarthy '91, this scrimmage provided an entertaining preview of what can be expected from this year's team. With a solid returning core and the return of experienced players, like Bob Gianelly and Rick Scanlon '92, the team has plenty of talent. Furthermore, a strong freshman class provides good depth. These combined factors leave die-hard Panther fans anticipating a return to the strong tradition of Middlebury football not present for some years.

This year the team is lead by captains Brian Dalton '91 and Skip Wiemeyer '91. After a disappointing season last year, Brian returns to the defensive backfield with confidence that this season will be different. Skip, a wide-receiver, believes that the improved play of the offensive line will lead to a more productive passing game. Both players have been quoted as saying that a league title is within reach this year.

Again this year the Panthers look to be a strong defensive team. With nine returning starters the team hopes to crush opposing offenses. The season-ending knee injury of Kevin McCarthy will certainly hurt the team, but three sophomore tackles have proved themselves to be capable of handling the task. A strong linebacking core that includes Hank McKnally '92, an Eastern College Athletic Conference (E.C.A.C.) honor roll player in his sophomore season, will try to stuff the strong running game of teams like last season's New England Small College Athletic Conference (N.E.S.C.A.C.) Champions, the Purple Cows of Williams. Rounding off the squad is the experienced backfield of David "I'm good" Donahue '91, Brian Dalton '91, Dave Fritzche '92, and Dick O'Neil '92. If the defensive backs remain healthy, they should frustrate opposing passing attacks and keep the ball in the hands of the running backs where the Panthers' ferocious front seven can hunt them down.

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Offensively, the team hopes to improve its production. Pat Dyson '92, the team's new quarterback, has the passing and running ability that is needed to open things up more than last season. Dyson is backed up by two quality sophomore gunslingers in Andrew Hyland and Jordan Sullivan. This year's Panther backfield looked strong during the scrimmage despite the loss of an experienced runner. Both Hayden Harman '92 and Eric Sevigny '93 are playing well, while veteran Brian Fenlon '92 was brilliant with several good runs.

When the two squads met on Sunday we were given a taste of what this year's season will bring us. At the start of the scrimmage the defense appeared to dominate the line. The running game of the blue squad was shutdown by the strong play of the defensive tackles and ends. Several times Bob Gianelly was able to penetrate the line and stop the plays in the backfield. The offensive line was unable to control either Sean Fitzsimmons or Rick Gronda '93 which allowed them to redirect the running backs. This freed the linebackers by letting them go unscathed. When asked about the scrimmage Gronda commented, "It's like playing in a postcard." As play progressed, however, the offense began opening things up with the pass and eventually scored on three aerial strikes including a sixty-five yard bomb to Greg Fischer '93. It was his second

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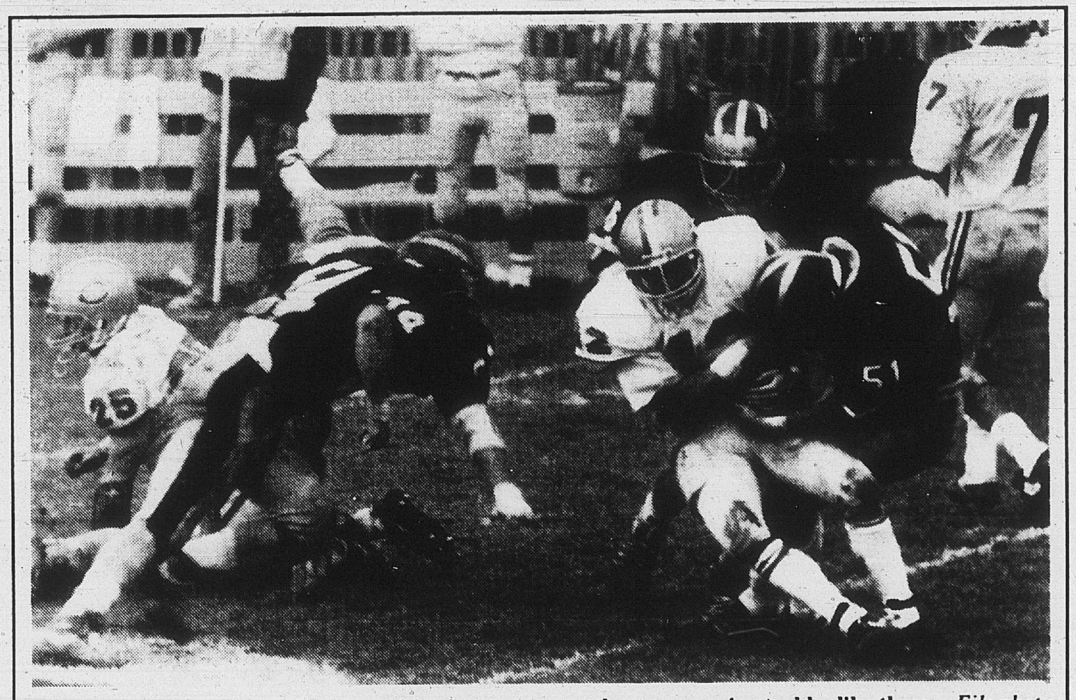

The Panther Eleven have been competitive in past seasons due to swarming tackles like these. *File photo*

Field hockey readies for U.V.M.

By Kate Chapman and Sara Switzer

A hike up Rattlesnake Peak last Saturday officially marked the end of preseason for the women's field hockey team. After a tough week of early morning runs and triple sessions, the team enjoyed the annual quadrathalon and cook-out. Although the week was very difficult, much was accomplished. The players' conditioning improved markedly and skills that had grown rusty in the offseason were reclaimed.

The players got a chance to test their skills in a scrimmage versus Southern Maine last Friday. Although the scrimmage was disappointing, the progress the team had made in the past week was evident. Thanks to freshman goalkeeper Kathleen Kirkland, Middlebury held Maine to only two goals during the three 22-minute periods.

The team is led by co-captains Kathleen Murphy '91 and Becky Castle '91, who are supported by returning players Robin Folweiler '91 (who was abroad last year), Maureen Pansey '91, Cassie Robbins '91, Deb Walton '91 and many younger players.

Since the season is not officially underway, the players continue to switch positions often as the coaches test different combinations on the field to determine potential line-ups for the regular season. The freshmen began try-outs on Monday and the final team rosters will be posted tomorrow.

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Head coach Missy Hopkinson and assistant coach Amy Backus are very optimistic about the upcoming season. All of the players have already contributed much time and effort into the coming year on what appears to be a promising team. The Panther women should make an impact in the New England field hockey world this season, beginning with the opening game against rival U.V.M. at Middlebury on September 18.

After 1989's rebuilding year in which the Panther field hockey team found itself 5–5–2, Middlebury is looking to a deep squad of experienced players to take the ball and run. *File photo*

Men's tennis toning up for Albany State

By Mark Harris and D. Jackson

Only the hardest of the mostly soft core men's tennis team returned for this Fall's edition of Gail Smith's Workout World from Hell. The only notable absences from last season's group of thoroughbreds are the legends, known to most simply as Bo and Tracks. Yes, of course, we're speaking of Rob "Bo" Blanchard '90 and Coach Jim "Tracks" Chapman '90, both of whom provided an abundance of leadership and maturity to last year's young team which sorely lacked in both categories. But this year is a different story, with four seniors and six returning lettermen, the Panthers are looking forward to improving upon their seventh place finish in last year's New England Fall rankings.

Preseason workouts began with the bang of the starter's pistol as the squad took off on one of Coach Smith's legendary predawn fun runs. This year's marathon consisted of a three mile warm-up run followed by a timed one mile sprint. John Hosbein '92 was fast out of the starting blocks, but in the end Rod "Mr. Intensity" Prudencio '92 won the race by two lengths paying $10.90 to win. In fact, the entire team, excluding Mark Harris '91, checked in with sub-six minute miles, prompting Coach Smith to comment that "The team looks pretty fit, except for that slacker Harris. They look good on the track, let's see what they can do on the courts." To the courts they went for eighteen hours of tennis over the next three days, culminating in a day of marathon matches last Friday which determined a tentative ladder.

John Hosbein '92 has returned in top shape after last spring's stint at number-one singles and number-three doubles. "After a restful summer in Bolivia without picking up a racquet, and arriving back in Middlebury planning on playing soccer, I did some soul searching and decided to play tennis instead."

Rod Prudencio '91 returns for his fourth and final year of varsity tennis after a summer of teaching tennis and charm to promising Juniors. Is Middlebury ready for his unique brand of intensity? The huge crowds that generally turn up on match days will be the judge of that, but Prudencio believes "We have a really swell bunch of guys this season and should do pretty well, as long as we find some compatible doubles pairings. I know Paterniti and I look alike, but there is more to a good doubles team than looks alone, although I'll agree looks are a big part of it."

Eric Marx '91 is another returning lettermen who will be playing in his final season as a member of the Panther squad. With a summer full of sleeping, breathing, eating, and other natural bodily functions behind him, Coach Smith commented that "Eric actually appears interested. Usually it's a real struggle to tear him away from his books and his bed, but he's really putting in that extra ten-percent this year, which puts him just over the single digits in terms of effort."

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Mark Harris '91 returns from a fun filled and educational summer camp experience. "I was not planning on playing tennis this season, but then I found out they needed someone to write tennis articles for The Campus. Since most of the other guys on the team cannot write, I had to come back to do my journalistic duties."

The final returning veteran from last year's star studded roster is another senior who many tennis experts consider to be the real heart and soul of the team, D. Jackson '91. His suggestion for a men's and women's tennis team bonding experience sums up the special skills Jackson brings to the squad.

That is just a brief introduction to the Panther men's tennis team. Some additions or deletions may occur in the interim when the plight of the Freshmen class is decided upon by Coaches Smith and Leeds. The men open their season this weekend at the Great Dane Invitational at Albany State.

Symposium

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1989, the Dalai Lama was the Nobel Prize for Peace.

Elisabeth Grinspoon ' appointed by Director of Residential Life Frank Kelly as the student coordinator for the conference. She has assembled more than 75 students who have volunteered to assist at the symposium. As an East Asian Studies major and the president of the student environmental activist group Environmental Quality, Grinspoon holds a specific interest in the Spirit and Nature symposium.

"I hope the symposium raises the awareness of the problem on campus and gives people something to think about, so people can question 'What is the relationship between people's religious attitudes and the way they treat the earth?'" Grinspoon said.

"What's interesting to me is how people form their attitudes toward the environment and the way that we can change these attitudes. There are elements in all of these different religions that we're looking at that are positive. If we latch on to them, they can help people rework their relationship with the environment. They can help teach people how to use the environment without destroying it," Grinspoon added.

In addition to the Dalai Lama, the conference will be attended by J. Ronald Engel, professor of social ethics at Meadville/Lombard Theological School of the University of Chicago and the author of Democracy and Nature and Sacred Sands; Sallie McFague, Carpenter Professor of Theology at the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University and the author of Models of God: Theology for an Ecological, Nuclear Age; Seyyed Hossein Nasr, University Professor of Islamic Studies at George Washington University and the author of Islam and the Plight of Modern Man and Man and Nature; Ismar Schorsch, chancellor and professor of Jewish History at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America and widely known speaker on environmental issues; and Audrey Shenandoah, cultural supervisor of the Onandaga Indian School and an elder of the Eel Clan of the Onandaga Nation, one of the six nations of the Iroquois Confederacy.

The symposium will consist of a series of lectures, religious and symbolic ceremonies, concerts and a major art exhibition in Johnson Gallery.

Many of the guests will be speaking at Mead Chapel. The symposium will commence with an address by Ms. Shenandoah entitled "Before all Other Matters" at 4:15 p.m. Dr. Nasr will speak that evening in Mead at 8:00 p.m. on "Islam and the Enviromental Crisis."

Rabbi Schorsch will speak on Friday at 1:30 p.m. when he addresses the issue of "Learning to Live with Less: A Jewish Perspective." Following Rabbi Schorsch will be Professor Engel, who will speak on "Liberal Democracy and the Fate of the Earth" at 3:30 p.m.

After a Shabbat service at 5:30 p.m., the Paul Winter Consort will make an appearance in the field house to give a concert featuring the group's unique musical style which incorporates sounds from the earth's wildlife.

The symposium will continue on Saturday morning when Professor McFague will give an address entitled "A Square in the Quilt: One Theologian's Contribution to the Planetary Agenda."

The Dalai Lama will give the main symposium address on the "Buddhist Approach to Ethics and Environment." at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. He will give his address in Memorial Field House

At 2:30 p.m., a panel of the symposium speakers will be moderated by symposium director and Professor of Religion Stephen Rockefeller in the Nelson Arena. The panel will focus on environmental ethics.

In addition, Johnson Memorial Gallery will host a special exhibition on the theme of "Visions of Interdependence" which will include art works from varied cultural traditions.

The Dalai Lama will conduct a meditation session in the Nelson Arena at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, which will be followed by an Interfaith Service in Mead Chapel. All of the symposium participants will contribute to this service.

After the Interfaith Service, a "common meal" will be held. At this event, a loaf of bread will be circulated through the crowd, beginning with the President, as a symbol of sharing. At this event, the Dalai Lama will say a prayer and a white oak tree will be planted.

According to Professor Rockefeller, approximately 3,500 people attended the Dalai Lama's address at Middlebury in 1984. Rockefeller said that due to the increased popularity and visibility of His Holiness and the nature of the topic, the symposium might attract as many as 5,000 people, of which 1,000 to 1,500 would be students.

"Many colleges and universities have been in touch with us, and many religious organizations. We've told them all that the conference and these lectures are open to the public, but that we cannot guarantee seating." Rockefeller continued, "We cannot give tickets to people outside the campus, because we are particularly concerned that students and faculty have a chance to attend."

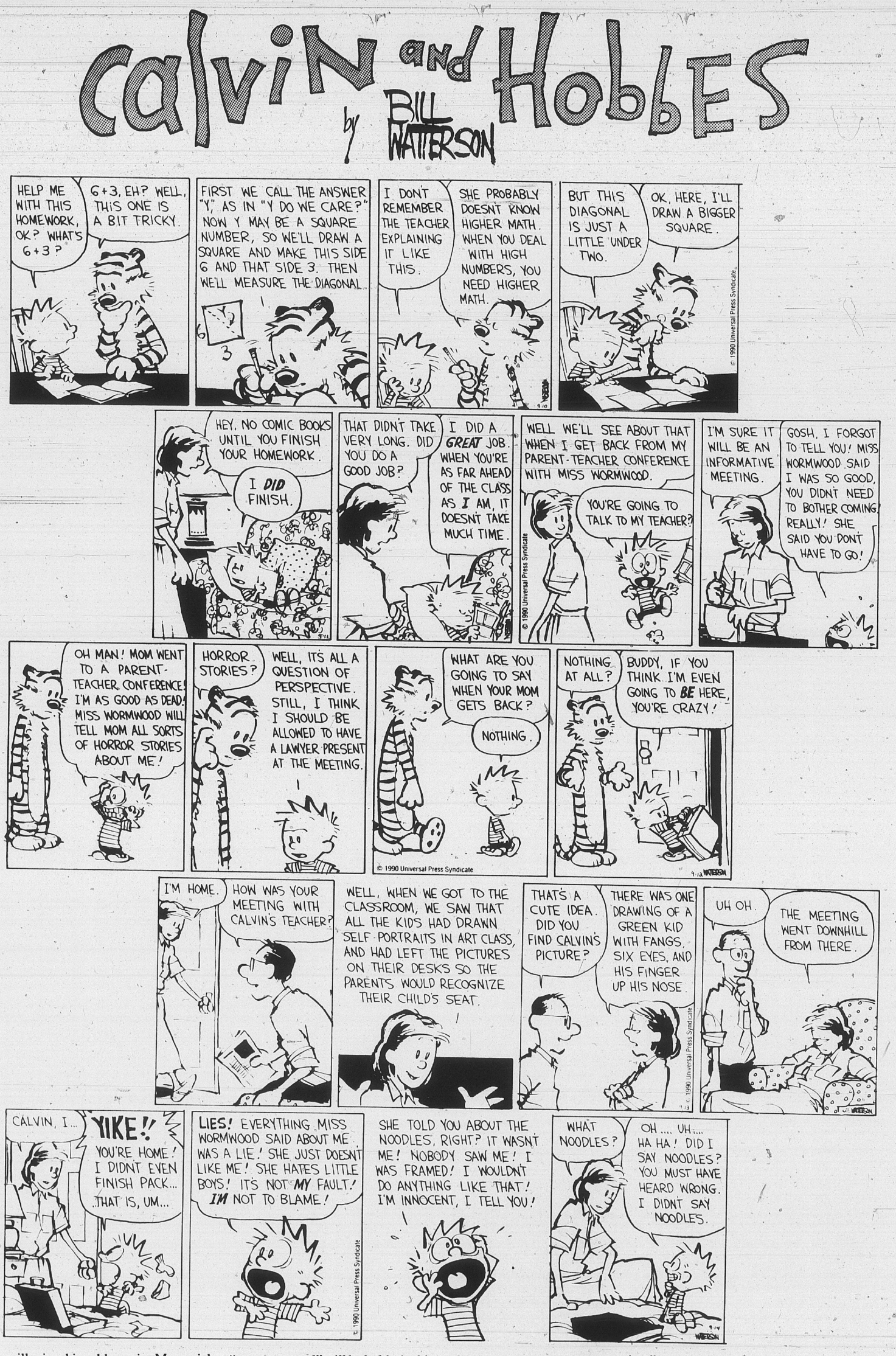
As the conference events are open-seating, students are advised to arrive early in order to ensure a seat at the events. Loudspeakers have been installed outside Mead Chapel and the memorial Field House to accommodate overflow crowds.

"We are prepared to deal with large numbers if they show up, but I am concerned that some students will not be able to attend some of the events (in the Chapel)."

In addition to the publication of the symposium lectures, veteran broadcast journalist Bill Moyers will be on campus making a video documentary of the conference that will be broadcast on national public television.

Tickets for the Paul Winter Consort performance are $8 for students and $10 for general admission, and are available at the Student Activities desk in Lower Proctor.

"My personal hope about the conference is that it will energize the student body and that it will put liberal arts education at Middlebury in an international social, political and ethical context, and that it will promote group and interdepartmental discussion and discussion among students outside the classroom," said Rockefeller. "My final hope is that it will contribute to the national and international discussion of these issues."


Calvin and Hobbes
by Bill Watterson
HELP ME WITH THIS HOMEWORK, OK? WHAT'S 6+3?
6+3, EH? WELL, THIS ONE IS A BIT TRICKY.
FIRST WE CALL THE ANSWER "Y," AS IN "Y DO WE CARE?" NOW Y MAY BE A SQUARE NUMBER, SO WE'LL DRAW A SQUARE AND MAKE THIS SIDE 6 AND THAT SIDE 3. THEN WE'LL MEASURE THE DIAGONAL.
I DON'T REMEMBER THE TEACHER EXPLAINING IT LIKE THIS.
SHE PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW HIGHER MATH. WHEN YOU DEAL WITH HIGH NUMBERS, YOU NEED HIGHER MATH.
BUT THIS DIAGONAL IS JUST A LITTLE UNDER TWO.
OK, HERE, I'LL DRAW A BIGGER SQUARE.
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HEY, NO COMIC BOOKS UNTIL YOU FINISH YOUR HOMEWORK.
I DID FINISH.
THAT DIDN'T TAKE VERY LONG. DID YOU DO A GOOD JOB?
I DID A GREAT JOB. WHEN YOU'RE AS FAR AHEAD OF THE CLASS AS I AM, IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TIME.
WELL WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT WHEN I GET BACK FROM MY PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE WITH MISS WORMWOOD.
YOU'RE GOING TO TALK TO MY TEACHER?
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I'M SURE IT WILL BE AN INFORMATIVE MEETING.
GOSH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU! MISS WORMWOOD SAID I WAS SO GOOD, YOU DIDN'T NEED TO BOTHER COMING. REALLY! SHE SAID YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO!
OH MAN! MOM WENT TO A PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE! I'M AS GOOD AS DEAD! MISS WORMWOOD WILL TELL MOM ALL SORTS OF HORROR STORIES ABOUT ME!
HORROR STORIES?
WELL, IT'S ALL A QUESTION OF PERSPECTIVE. STILL, I THINK I SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE A LAWYER PRESENT AT THE MEETING.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SAY WHEN YOUR MOM GETS BACK?
NOTHING.
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NOTHING AT ALL?
BUDDY, IF YOU THINK I'M EVEN GOING TO BE HERE, YOU'RE CRAZY!
I'M HOME.
HOW WAS YOUR MEETING WITH CALVIN'S TEACHER?
WELL, WHEN WE GOT TO THE CLASSROOM, WE SAW THAT ALL THE KIDS HAD DRAWN SELF-PORTRAITS IN ART CLASS, AND HAD LEFT THE PICTURES ON THEIR DESKS SO THE PARENTS WOULD RECOGNIZE THEIR CHILD'S SEAT.
THAT'S A CUTE IDEA. DID YOU FIND CALVIN'S PICTURE?
THERE WAS ONE DRAWING OF A GREEN KID WITH FANGS, SIX EYES, AND HIS FINGER UP HIS NOSE.
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UH OH.
THE MEETING WENT DOWNHILL FROM THERE.
CALVIN, I...
YIKE!!
YOU'RE HOME! I DIDN'T EVEN FINISH PACK... ...THAT IS, UM...
LIES! EVERYTHING MISS WORMWOOD SAID ABOUT ME WAS A LIE! SHE JUST DOESN'T LIKE ME! SHE HATES LITTLE BOYS! IT'S NOT MY FAULT! I'M NOT TO BLAME!
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SHE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE NOODLES, RIGHT? IT WASN'T ME! NOBODY SAW ME! I WAS FRAMED! I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT! I'M INNOCENT, I TELL YOU!
WHAT NOODLES?
OH .... UH.... HA HA! DID I SAY NOODLES? YOU MUST HAVE HEARD WRONG. I DIDN'T SAY NOODLES.

Fraternities

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said Chi Psi President Richard Cochran '91. "We can try to persuade the college to allow us to go off campus provided we don't use college resources or we can go local and coeducational if we are to stay on campus."

Cochran submitted three separate bylaw amendments at Chi Psi's national convention in August proposing that either the national fraternity, individual fraternities, or only the Middlebury chapter be allowed to admit women. They were all rejected.

While the convention "really went well in terms of how the petition was received...and that the new president spoke of being very open to coeducation," Cochran said that members of other Chi Psi chapters felt that "it was not worth the change (to coeducation) for only one school because a whole bunch of other schools still want to remain all male."

"As far as this house complying and pledging women...we will definitely comply," said DU President Peter Benedict '91. He said that he plans to meet with a national representative of DU in early October and to examine the possibilities of moving off campus or dropping DU's national affiliation and becoming a local fraternity.

DKE President Morris Tooker '91 said that while he was unable to persuade other delegates at the convention to admit women "we got a lot of support...because a lot of fraternities are confronting the same issue. Whatever decision we take here might be the same for them...it was a real surprise because I thought there would be little support."

DKE is unique among Middlebury fraternities because it is the only one that owns its house. This poses questions as to the jurisdiction of the college over the DKE house. DKE has not yet met to discuss their options, he added.

Both Amherst and Williams, schools Lindholm cited as models used by the committee, believe their policies have been successful. Dean of Students Steven Fix at Williams College said that William's policy of not allowing students to participate in fraternities on or off campus, implemented twenty six years ago before the school was co-educational, has "made the process of co-education much easier, changed the social norms and made it much easier for women."

"By eliminating fraternities and creating a new social and residential structure Williams has greatly increased the opportunities for students to interact with a diverse group of students and to govern themselves," Fix added.

According to Terri Allen, a spokesperson for Amherst College, no fraternities have not been allowed to use college property and housing since 1984, however approximately one hundred out of 1,600 students belong to fraternities off campus.

Amherst allowed coeducational fraternities on campus from 1976 until 1984, when they were abolished because they were "anti-egalitarian, had a long, long history of antisocial behavior and because of the social dissatisfaction of women members," Allen said.

The Campus
is now accepting classified ads and personals for publication. Address submissions to Drawer 30.

Doonesbury
BY G.B. TRUDEAU
WELCOME ABOARD, SOLDIER.
OH... THANK YOU, SIR!
VIETNAM ERA?
YES, SIR. BUT I LIKE THIS MISSION A WHOLE LOT MORE! CLEAR GOALS, VIABLE STRATEGY, SUPPORT AT HOME!
YOU GOT A FAMILY?
NO, SIR. JUST A GIRLFRIEND. BUT I'VE NEVER BEEN AWAY FROM HER. SHE'S GOING TO BE PRETTY LOST WITHOUT ME.
WELL, OKAY, BUT JUST DINNER— I'M ENGAGED.
SO WHAT DO YOU DO IN CIVILIAN LIFE, SOLDIER?
I'M A TALENT MANAGER, COLONEL. HOW ABOUT YOURSELF, SIR?
9-11
I'M A FLORIST. IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE ANYONE'S CALLED ME "SIR"...
I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY WANT ME. I'M A PRETTY SORRY EXCUSE FOR A SOLDIER. I'M OUT OF SHAPE, I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL THE DRILLS, I CAN'T LOAD AN M-16...
I CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER HOW TO USE THE F-WORD!
EASY. YOU JUST USE IT LIKE A COMMA.
THIS IS ROLAND HEDLEY, REPORTING FROM SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDEAST!
HERE AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, AN UNIDENTIFIED TRANSPORT PLANE DISGORGED A CLASSIFIED NUMBER OF COMBATANTS!
9-12
I'M SPEAKING WITH ONE OF THE NEW ARRIVALS, WHOSE NAME AND RANK AND NATIONAL IDENTITY WE CANNOT REVEAL AT THIS TIME...
UNITED
WHY THE HELL NOT?
HEY!
UM...OKAY, SO HE'S FROM AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING ARMY.
PETER, I'M SPEAKING TO TWO NEW ARRIVALS IN THE GULF TODAY— A RAW RECRUIT, AND A SEASONED RESERVIST! YOUR FIRST REACTIONS, GUYS!
WELL, IT'S A LITTLE WARM, BUT HEY, WE'RE HERE TO FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY AND AGAINST TYRANNY, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO!
9-13
GIMME A BREAK! WE'RE HERE FOR CHEAP OIL! WE'RE HERE SO WE DON'T NEED AN ENERGY POLICY! WE'RE HERE SO BUSH CAN DRIVE A BOAT SO OVERPOWERED IT'S FAVORED BY DRUG SMUGGLERS!
THAT'S... THAT'S AWFUL!
DON'T THEY BRIEF YOU GUYS?
VIVA LA DIFFERENCE, PETER!
HEY, SOLDIER! MIND IF I JOIN YOU?
PRETTY GRIM RATIONS, EH? OF COURSE, THIS IS A FEAST COMPARED TO THE FARE I DINED ON DURING THE SEVEN-DAY WAR! WE HAD TO PICK THE SCORPIONS OUT OF OUR STEW!
9-14
NOT THAT A FEW SCORPIONS WOULDN'T HAVE TASTED PRETTY GOOD DURING THE CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA! AH, WELL, NO ONE EVER SAID IT WAS EASY BEING A WAR CORRESPONDENT!
ESPECIALLY IF YOU LOOK LIKE A DUCK HUNTER.
UM... RIGHT. ANY IDEA WHERE I CAN GET ONE OF THOSE HELMETS?
ANYBODY HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT DEPLOYMENT YET?
NOPE.
THE LID'S BEEN ON FOR WEEKS.
BOY
9-15
MAN, THAT'S THE WORST PART—NEVER KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON! I REMEMBER THAT FROM 'NAM!
USE A CIGARETTE, MAN?
YEAH... YEAH, I COULD. I HAVEN'T SMOKED IN YEARS, BUT MAYBE IT'LL SETTLE MY NERVES. THANKS, BUDDY!
AIN'T WAR A BITCH?
OH, I DUNNO...

Blue/White football battle

Previews potentially solid season

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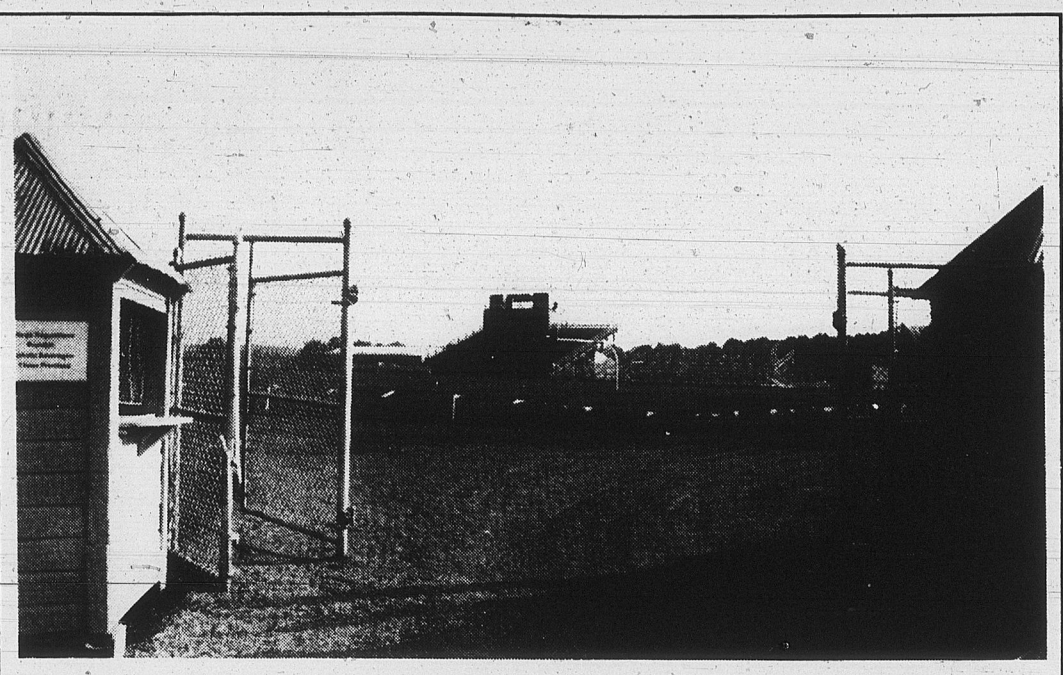
touchdown catch of the day.

This weekend the team will face their first opponent when they scrimmage Wesleyan on Saturday. Wesleyan is looking to improve after a disappointing season last year. The Cardinals utilize an exciting run-and-shoot offense which should offer a stiff challenge to the Panther defense with a plethora of formations and a multitude of trick plays. On the other side of the ball Middlebury will look to work out the kinks of their recently adopted wishbone offense. Although the game will be a nice opportunity for the Panthers to hit opposing players rather than one another, the team is looking forward to the next week when they travel to Bowdoin and, hopefully tally their first victory of the season.



Porter Field is entering its last season as the home of the football squad. It will be converted to house soccer and track upon completion of Alumni Stadium and Youngman Field. *Photo by Melissa Barrett*

Golf team swamped with talent

By Bart Johnson

For the past week the Panther men's golf team has been preparing for the Fall season that began yesterday with a home match against UVM. Battling a tough course and swarming mosquitoes, eleven players, including two freshmen and several new sophomores, have been competing for the five-man travelling team. Returning players include Mark Selon '91, Bill Deacon '91, Matt Benjamin '92, Josh Pepin '93, Eric Batchelder '93, and Jon Hanlon '93. Only one player was lost to graduation, last season's captain Evan Berlin '90.

Due to strong performances by virtually all involved, by press time a top five still had not been confirmed. In fact, even team captain Selon has not been guaranteed a spot. He and Deacon agree that this is the most competitive and skilled group they have seen at Middlebury.

For the past few years, interest in the golf team has been less enthusiastic than coach Russ Reilly would have liked, but this preseason is proving to be a turn around. Veteran team members expect this season to be a noticeable improvement over last year— a respectable season in which the team finished second place in the New England Championships among the other Division Three teams and eighth overall. It has been a while since Middlebury's team had sufficient talent to really compete with the New England golf power houses like Salem State and Williams, but things could definitely be different this year.

As expected, the common nemesis of all those competing is the course itself. As usual for this time of year, Middlebury's Ralph Myhre Golf Course is a daunting combination of tarmac-like greens and unpredictable winds. Shots hit low enough to minimize the wind's ill effects rarely have enough loft to insure the ball will hold the green. Strategic play styled after the Scottish method of hitting the ball short and letting it bounce its way onto the green seems to be the smartest way to avoid big numbers. Scoring low, more so than ever, relies on an unfaltering short game that allows a player to get up and down for par with regularity. Hitting even close to all the greens in regulation is not a realistic goal.

Rising to the course's challenge with the most success thus far, has been sophomore Josh Pepin, who shot a remarkable two under par 69 several days ago.

This coming weekend the five top players determined by yesterday's match will travel down to the Williams Invitational for what is always a big tournament featuring teams from all over New England.

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Impressions and Directions

This is an introductory issue to The Middlebury Campus. The Campus has been around since 1905. It has been a constant in this revolving door community on the hill where few people are here for more than a several years at a time. Issues of The Campus from the 1930's usually consisted of eight pages completely devoid of photos with multitudes of short articles some of which announced the upcoming mixer, the formal spring ball, and petitions to the Dean of Men and the Dean of women for increased parking privileges for first year students.

Some things haven't changed, though. The May 19, 1955 issue of The Campus featured editorials addressing fraternity rush and construction projects on campus.

Beginning in the late 1960's, when present Dean of Students Karl Lindholm was the sports editor, The Campus covered the National Student Movement as it affected Middlebury. In 1967, the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) building, which used to sit just behind the Health Center in Battell Field, was burned down. And in 1973, students and faculty held a general strike in protest of the war in Viet Nam.

In the last year, The Campus has run stories about the sexual harassment of a number of male students by a well-respected longtime English professor and director of the Breadloaf writer's conference; the college's decision to terminate subsidies to one of Middlebury's two daycare centers; and former college President Olin Robison's involvement in the National Endowment for Democracy, a federal agency in Washington which has been suspected of funnelling money to the Nicaraguan contras after a Congressional ban had been imposed.

The paper is the principle source of news and information for students, faculty and staff. Our total circulation is more than four thousand - which, believe it or not, is bigger than the circulation on this campus of The New York Times and The Boston Globe combined.

During the past several years, the college has undergone a physical transformation. Twilight Hall; the Fitness Center; the Student Union; the Fine Arts Center; ground breaking for the football stadium; the Chateau, Hepburn, Gifford, Starr, and Painter: all of these represent major construction projects and millions of dollars in investments.

The transformation of the next few years will be more difficult. The Report of the Task Force on Student Social Life issued last fall indicated that fewer students were enjoying their experience at Middlebury than in the past. In response to the report, a number of committees were formed to examine the possibilities for change. Most of these committees will issue reports this fall. Their recommendations will help shape the future of residential life at Middlebury. Will all-freshmen dorms be eliminated? Will the college allow fraternities to move off campus? Will Middlebury institute a 'cluster system?'

Perhaps more importantly, with the national economy inching toward recession, how will the college sustain its commitment to academic excellence, socioeconomic and ethnic diversity and state of the art facilities in the face of shrinking resources and student outrage over rising tuition?

Finding some answers to these questions will not be easy. The administration, the Community Council and the various Task Force Committees must make every effort to involve every sector of the community. The process will require patience, tolerance and flexibility on everyone's part.

But as for the immediate future, the "Spirit and Nature" conference will likely be the single most important event here this year. organizers of the event are expecting as many as 5,000 people from outside the Middlebury community to attend. Go to as many events as you can, and...get there early!

Energy crisis

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"The emphasis on conservation has decreased, and because we have a turnover of faculty and student body who are becoming a lot less aware, so on that basis, the consumption has increased," Woodbury said.

"We've dropped our guard on the awareness.and we are consuming at greater rates than we used to," said Business Manager Jim Ross.

During the energy crisis of the late 1970's and early 1980's, the college formed the Energy Council, a committee made up of faculty, staff and students. The committee worked to strengthen awareness of the need to conserve, and looked for ways in which the college could save energy. When the price of oil dropped from over forty dollars a barrel to less than twenty dollars a barrel in the mid 1980's, the Energy Council was disbanded.

While it was active, the Council seems to have been effective. College records of energy costs for the period of 1970-1989 show that consumption fell substantially during the 1970's. Energy consumption in 1989 was lower in 1989 than it was in 1971-72.

The newly renovated more heat efficient dorms and improvements to the college's central heating plant in the Service Building have also helped to cut consumption.

For the past few years, the college has consumed roughly a million gallons of oil annually, Ross said.

But during the past six years, consumption has been creeping up steadily. A return to 1971-72 consumption levels could push energy costs for this year by as much as fifty percent.

Vice President for Administration and Treasurer of the College David Ginevan said he plans to reinstitute the Energy Council within the next several weeks.

If events in the Middle East force the price of oil significantly higher, the college can substitute coal for oil as the principal source of energy.

Though the college has the facilities to burn coal for most heating needs, Ross said that the college has hardly used coal in recent years.

"It's based on price differential. We don't have to burn coal unless that's the cheaper fuel," he said. "During the last two years, it has not been the cheaper fuel for us."

Ross is confident that once students, faculty and staff are made aware of the effect of the rising cost of energy on the college, consumption can be brought down.

"During the '70's, a lot of schools removed individual thermostats from the students rooms and gave the students no control. Now we took the opposite view because we felt we could convince our students that each of them should be a part of this and conserve. And we've had good luck over the years," Ross said.

Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics and Environmental Crisis

Middlebury College, September 13-16, 1990

Thursday, September 13, 1990

4:15 p.m. Before All Other Matters
Native Elder Audrey Shenandoah
Mead Memorial Chapel

8:00 p.m. Islam and the Environmental Crisis
Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr
Mead Memorial Chapel

Friday, September 14, 1990

10:15 a.m. "Caring for the World: A Strategy for Sustainability"
Mr. Robert Prescott-Allen, Second World Conservation Strategy Project (IUCN)
Mead Memorial Chapel

11:15 a.m. Seminar-type discussions on "Spirit and Nature" themes. *NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.*
All Middlebury Students and Faculty welcome.

Discussion Leaders	Speakers	Location
Professor John Elder Professor Sallie Sheldon	Ron Engel Audrey Shenandoah	Gifford Lounge
Professor David Rosenberg Professor Kate Sonderegger	Sallie McFague Ismar Schorsch	Hepburn Lounge
Professor Steve Trombulak Professor Burke Rochford	Seyyed Hossein Nasr Robert Prescott-Allen	Munroe Lecture Hall, 4th Floor
Professor John Keenan Professor Steven Rockefeller	His Holiness the Dalai Lama	Dana Auditorium

1:30 p.m. Learning to Live with Less: A Jewish Perspective
Dr. Ismar Schorsch
Mead Memorial Chapel

3:30 p.m. Liberal Democracy and the Fate of the Earth
Professor J. Ronald Engel
Mead Memorial Chapel

5:30 p.m. Shabbat Service
Dr. Ismar Schorsch
Mead Memorial Chapel

8:00 p.m. Concert: Paul Winter Consort
Memorial Field House

Saturday, September 15, 1990

9:00 a.m. A Square in the Quilt: One Theologian's Contribution to the Planetary Agenda
Professor Sallie McFague
Mead Memorial Chapel

11:00 a.m. Buddhist Approach to Ethics and Environment
His Holiness the Dalai Lama
Memorial Field House

2:30 p.m. Panel on Environmental Ethics involving Symposium speakers
Moderator: Professor Steven C. Rockefeller,
Memorial Field House

Sunday, September 16, 1990

8:00 a.m. Meditation Session with His Holiness the Dalai Lama
Memorial Field House

11:00 a.m. Interfaith Service
Mead Memorial Chapel

12:30 p.m. Common Meal